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SUBJECT: FEDERAL ELECTIONS: LIBERALS WIN MAJORITY

1. PRIMIN TRUDEAU'S LIBERAL PARTY WON A SOLID 140 (OF 264)  
SEAT MAJORITY IN COMMONS FOLLOWING JULY 8 ELECTIONS, UP FROM  
109 SEATS WON IN 1972. PROGRESSIVE CONSERVATIVES DROPPED TO 95  
(FROM 107); NEW DEMOCRATIC PARTY LOST ALMOST HALF ITS  
SEATS TO 16 (FROM 31) INCLUDING THAT OF LEADER  
DAVID LEWIS; SOCIAL CREDIT AGAIN DEFIED PREDICTIONS  
OF ITS COLLAPSE, HOLDING 12 QUEBEC RIDINGS (FROM 15).  
ONE INDEPENDENT, MAYOR JONES OF MONCTON, NEW BRUNSWICK,  
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WAS ELECTED.

2. WHILE BOTH LIBERALS AND TORIES HAD TALKED OF WINNING ABSOLUTE MAJORITY, RESULT WAS EVIDENT SURPRISE TO LIBERALS THEMSELVES. THEY GAINED SCATTERED SEATS IN ATLANTIC PROVINCES, THE THREE SOCIAL CREDIT SEATS LOST IN QUEBEC, AND MADE MASSIVE GAINS AT EXPENSE OF TORIES AND NDP IN ONTARIO. PRAIRIE VOTE WAS ALMOST UNCHANGED. LIBERALS HAVE GAINED SEATS IN BRITISH COLUMBIA, ALTHOUGH ENVIRONMENT MINISTER DAVIS LOST IN HIS RIDING.

3. IT DOUBTFUL RECOUNTS WILL CHANGE ABOVE RESULTS, WHICH SUGGEST A REMARKABLE TRIUMPH FOR PIERRE TRUDEAU, AND POSSIBLY THE END OF THE POLITICAL ROAD FOR PC LEADER ROBERT STANFIELD AND DAVID LEWIS. PARLIAMENT MAY BE EXPECTED TO BE RECALLED QUICKLY (TRUDEAU HAS SPOKEN OF AUGUST 1), AND WHILE THERE MAY BE CHANGES IN PORTFOLIOS, THE NEW CANADIAN GOVERNMENT IS LIKELY CLOSELY TO RESEMBLE THE LAST ONE.  
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